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La Porte investigators find area convenience stores selling to minors

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During the closing weekend in July, La Porte investigators conducted another coordinated compliance operation in an effort to determine whether local convenience stores were selling alcohol to minors. The operation was a follow-up to an initial compliance check conducted by investigators in March 2014. Prior to the most recent action, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) agents visited La Porte stores on more than one occasion and informed employees that it was likely that area businesses would be checked for compliance at a later date. Nevertheless, as a result of the LPPD follow-up sting, 4 of the 10 stores visited were found again to sell alcohol to minors.

Since that time, Detectives with LPPD's Street Crimes Unit have filed charges through the Harris County District Attorney's Office. The defendants are identified as Crystal Boggs 02/05/84 (From Rowdy's Convenience Store at 8300 Spencer Hwy.), Amore Simpson 12/30/92 (From KBK Convenience Store at 9803 W. Fairmont Pkwy.), Tahmoor Jafar other/m 07/20/94 (From Port Shamrock Valero at 105 S. Hwy 146), and Momin Shoukatali 01/01/1956 (From Port Truck Stop at 904 W. Barbours Cut Blvd.).

While all legal violations are of great concern to La Porte Police, the Department has pledged enhanced commitment to keeping area youth safe in every aspect.